(NPTC). The clarification sought by these institutions has been furnished and their reaction is favourable. The concurrence of these institutions will enable for smooth de-jure transfer of transmission assets from the above Central Power Generating Undertakings to NPTC.

Number of Unelectrified Villages in U.P.

2778. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh which have not so far been electrified; and

(b) by when these will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) As per the available information as on 31.8.1991, 29,855 villages remained unelectrified in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The remaining villages are likely to be electrified in the normal course, in future, subject to availability of funds and other inputs.

Cost Price of Power being Produced by SEBs

2779. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost price of power being produced by different State Electricity Boards in the country statewise;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reduce the cost-price of power produced by different Electricity Boards; and

(c) what is the cost price of power produced by NTPC and CEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The state-wise cost of power produced by the State Electricity Boards based on their accounts for the year ended 31.3.90 is given in Statement-I and the station-wise cost of power produced by NTPC is given in Statement-II. CEA does not produce power. The Boards have been requested to take measures, such as, reduction in auxiliary consumption, reducing fuel consumption and increase the plant load factor, to reduce the cost of generation.

Statement — I

Average cost of Generation and Supply by Seabs for the year Ended March, 1990.

Sl. No.	SEBs	Average Rage (Ps/KWH)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	73.52
2.	Bihar	121.41
3.	Gujarat	119.32
4.	Haryana	87.32
5.	Himachal Pradesh	75.85
6.	Karnataka	83.19
7.	Kerala	70.15
8.	Madhya Pradesh	91.26
9.	Maharashtra	105.05
10.	Orissa	81.30
11.	Punjab	95.99
12.	Rajasthan	111.52
13.	Tamil Nadu	110.40
14.	Uttar Pradesh	112.10
15.	West Bengal	139.22
16.	Assam	247.94
17.	Meghalaya	103.36
	Total Average :	102.10